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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS-MISC  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO:NY)

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DATE 7/23/93 BY [redacted] b7c

ReNYat to the Bu, 6/9/70; Alexandria airtel to the Bu, 7/6/70 and Indianapolis airtel to the Bu, 7/6/70.

Indianapolis is requested to conduct interviews of individuals located within their territory as mentioned in reat to the Bureau.

Re Alexandria airtel to the Bureau lists the following individuals as being contacted by COLIFAM according to Commander ROBERT S. BOROUGHS, Naval Intelligence Command (Special Warfare and Prisoner of War Matters):

Mrs. [redacted] b7c

- 2-Bureau (RM)
- 2-Alexandria (RM)
- 2-Charlotte (RM)
- 2-Indianapolis (RM)
- 2-Kansas City (RM)
- 2-Philadelphia (RM)
- 2-Norfolk (RM)
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Approved: [redacted] b7c

Special Agent in Charge

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Per [redacted] b7c

NY 100-168469

[REDACTED] Virginia

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Virginia

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Virginia

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] North Carolina

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pennsylvania

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kansas

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Florida

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Virginia

[REDACTED] Illinois

Recipient offices are to contact the above listed people if not already done and to interview them in accordance with instructions set forth in reNYat.

E.O. 12812-2

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 7/8/70

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-15134) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

Re Minneapolis letter and LHM to Bureau dated 6/26/70

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned "COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)." Enclosed for New York are three copies of the LHM.

The source referred to in the LHM is [REDACTED]

## LEADS

### MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT [REDACTED] SOUTH DAKOTA

Will locate Mrs. [REDACTED] concerning her contacts with COLIFAM. Her husband, [REDACTED] is a known prisoner of war in Southeast Asia. The Special Agent conducting this interview in [REDACTED] should be furnished serials 2 and 4, lower portion, Page 5.

### AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

1. Will maintain contact with Mrs. [REDACTED] who is attempting to locate the original of a letter form forwarded to her from COLIFAM which is to be utilized by her when corresponding with her husband. If Mrs. [REDACTED] is successful in locating same, will obtain and preserve this document for future evidentiary purposes.

ENCLOSURE

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 11) (RM)
- 3 - New York (100-168469) (Encl. 3) (RM)
- 2 - Minneapolis

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2. Will maintain contact with Mrs. [REDACTED] who is attempting to locate an information sheet which explains what the Committee of Liaison is. If she is successful in locating same, Minneapolis will xerox this document and forward it in LHM form. The original will be returned to Mrs. [REDACTED] per her desires.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 8, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minnesota, was interviewed on July 7, 1970, at  
which time she furnished the following information:

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*Incident*

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[REDACTED]

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DATE 7/6/93 BY SP-3 [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 8, 1970

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
advised as follows:

Mrs. [REDACTED] is the wife of [REDACTED] United States Air Force (USAF). [REDACTED] plane was shot down northwest of Hanoi in [REDACTED] 1967, and he is a known prisoner of war (POW). When her husband was shot down his plane was enveloped in ground fire and no chute had been sighted. Two days later she knew that he was still alive when the North Vietnamese released his picture to prove they had captured an American pilot. The [REDACTED] are parents of three children, [REDACTED]

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Mrs. [REDACTED] has heard from her husband about eight times, the first time being in November, 1967, through the efforts of DAVID DELLINGER, who was in Hanoi in 1967. DELLINGER forwarded a large envelope to Mrs. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Kansas, bearing the return address of the "Liberation" magazine. Mrs. [REDACTED] resided at this address in 1967. A copy of the magazine was in the envelope, as was a personal letter from DELLINGER dated October 4, 1967. Within the magazine was a letter to Mrs. [REDACTED] from her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she never heard of DELLINGER as of that time, November, 1967, and was unable to provide information as to why she was the recipient of this material. b2c

A copy of DELLINGER's letter dated October 4, 1967, to Mrs. [REDACTED] is attached hereto.  
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[REDACTED] Minnesota

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SA [REDACTED] b2c

Date dictated 7/8/70

# LIBERATION

5 Beekman Street • New York, N.Y. 10038  
Telephone: (212) CO 7-1468 • Cables: PEACEMOVE

EDITORIAL BOARD: A.J. Muste (1885-1967), Chairman;  
Dave Dellinger, Editor; Barbara Deming; Paul Goodman; Sidney Lens; Staughton Lynd  
Lamar Hoover, Managing Editor Ralph Di Gioia, Treasurer  
Associate Editors: Kay Boyle; Tom Hayden; Nat Henoff; Mulford Sibley

October 4, 1967

EO. 12812-2  
Mrs. [REDACTED] b2c  
[REDACTED] Kansas b7c

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

I have recently returned from a conference in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia at which forty Americans from the peace movement met with representatives from North Vietnam and the National Liberation Front. The North Vietnamese brought with them the enclosed letter, along with several others from American pilots, and asked us to send it on to you.

I have not seen your husband and have not, of course, read his letter but I hope that it brings reassuring news of his health and well-being. Let me just add that I have visited North Vietnam twice during the past year and that on my second trip, last May-June, I visited a detention camp and talked at length with two of the American prisoners. Naturally such a brief visit from the outside cannot find out everything one would like to know. Also, no food, exercise or medical care can make up for the absence of freedom and the sorrow of being separated from one's family and loved ones. But at least I am glad to be able to inform you that my visit was encouraging in that, for example, the prisoners we talked with appeared cheerful and commented that they were well fed and cared for. I am enclosing a copy of LIBERATION in which there is a fuller report of the conditions at the camp and our discussions with the two Americans.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for you in your present difficult situation and my prayers that the war will soon be over and your husband returned to you.

Sincerely,

Dave Dellinger  
Dave Dellinger

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DECLINGER's letter, as well as other original letters described hereinafter, were returned to Mrs. [REDACTED] who desired they be returned to her for inclusion in her personal file concerning her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] is willing to make available all of these originals should they be required in any future Government hearing concerning the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). She is agreeable to cooperating in any way should her testimony be needed at a later date. She pointed out, however, the possibility of reprisals against her husband should any adverse publicity arise out of any future testimony given by her against COLIFAM...

Although Mrs. [REDACTED] was unable to specifically recall the circumstances under which she received a second letter from her husband, she believes it was in January, 1968, and that her husband's letter was enclosed to her by an undated letter from TOM HAYDEN. Mrs. [REDACTED] is not personally acquainted with HAYDEN and was unable to furnish information as to why HAYDEN corresponded with her.

A copy of HAYDEN's letter is attached hereto.

s/o Liberation  
Room 1025  
5 Beekman  
NYC, NY

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] *12"* *13"*

*11*  
*10.12.81*  
I am enclosing a letter from [REDACTED] which was given me by the North Vietnamese government while I was in Hanoi this October. I'm very sorry for the long delay in delivering it, but as you might know I was deeply involved in the release of the three US sergeants held prisoner in South Vietnam.

*12*  
I didn't meet [REDACTED] in the prison camp, but I have met several of the pilots held there. I have not read his letter to you, of course, but my impression is that the men are treated well and someday will be home again.

If you would like to talk with me about this matter, I would most certainly be happy to correspond with or meet you.

In recent months I was involved in quite hopeful talks with the North Vietnamese about the possible release of pilots. However, the increased bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong this fall probably ended any chance of this in the near future. *67c*  
bring [REDACTED]

I hope that an early end to the war will ~~bring~~ home to you.

Best,

*Tom Hayden*  
Tom Hayden

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A period of about one year followed without hearing from her husband.

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The next time Mrs. [REDACTED] heard from her husband, she believes, was when she received a letter from the American Friends Service Committee, Inc., 160 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This committee wrote her a letter dated August 6, 1968, and enclosed a letter from her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] is not acquainted with any member of this committee and was unable to furnish any information as to why this committee corresponded with her.

A copy of this August 6, 1968, letter is attached hereto.



AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE INC.



160 North Fifteenth Street,  
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Acting Executive Secretary

ED. 12012-2  
67c  
August 6, 1968

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Kansas

Dear Friend:-

We have just returned from Hanoi where we had gone at the invitation of the Peace Committee of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to escort three released American pilots back to their families in the United States.

While in Hanoi we suggested to the Vietnamese authorities that we would be glad to bring back with us letters from captured American pilots to relatives or friends in the States. As we were leaving we were given fifty such letters, including the one enclosed addressed to you.

As you may well imagine it was a deeply gratifying privilege to be able to play a modest role in returning these three captured pilots to their families. You may have seen press stories which gave their names: Major James Frederick Low, Major Fred Neale Thompson, and Captain Joe Victor Carpenter, all Air Force officers. All three are in good shape, both physically and mentally, and spoke both publicly and to us privately of the good treatment they and the other pilots have received at the hands of the Vietnamese.

The Vietnamese described the release of the pilots as a humanitarian gesture in response to the growing sentiment in the United States for an end to military intervention in Vietnam. We were impressed with their sincerity and we have done all that we could to carry out our part in the release in a spirit consistent with theirs.

I think you may be interested in the enclosed press release which we cabled from Hanoi for release in the U.S. the day before we left Hanoi on August 2. Happily Ambassador Sullivan in Vientiane did not bring undue pressure on the three pilots to return by military aircraft as we had feared he might. As a result their free choice of return by commercial aircraft with us was respected and fulfilled.



August 6, 1968

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We believe that this is consistent with the spirit of their release and that it may well leave the door open for further releases of a similar sort. Regarding this possibility we have hopes, but no assurances.

We did not have opportunity to see any captured pilots other than the three who returned with us. In general the impression we have gotten is that health care is excellent, food is well balanced and adequate, and that the attitude of the authorities in dealing with the captured pilots is humane and considerate.

Our own feeling after this visit to Hanoi is that U.S. military intervention in Vietnam has neither rational purpose, nor moral justification. We do not believe that the Vietnamese can be defeated. They are staunch, intelligent, and thoroughly united in a determined struggle against what they understandably describe as American aggression against their independence and freedom. At the same time they retain strong attitudes of friendship toward the American people. They say over and over again that they do not believe that most Americans support the policies of the U.S. government in Vietnam. We of the U.S. peace and anti-war movement are trying to help make it so.

In any event we hope that these pilot releases may lead to others, and that there may come about on the U.S. side a larger willingness to take similar creative initiatives which will bring this war, and U.S. military intervention in Vietnam to an end.

If there are further questions you would like to raise with us please feel free to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

*Vernon Grizzard*

Vernon Grizzard  
10 Gilmore Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

(Draft Resistance  
Organizer)

*Anne Weills Schoer*

Anne Weills Schoer  
3468 Benvenue Avenue  
Oakland, Calif. 94618

(Chairman, Oakland  
Seven Defense Committee)

*Stewart Meacham*

Stewart Meacham  
Peace Education Secretary  
American Friends  
Service Committee

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By OOLIFAM letters directed to her dated April 8, 1970;  
April 20, 1970; May 4, 1970; June 14, 1970; and June 26, 1970,  
Mrs. [REDACTED] received letters from her husband. Copies of each  
of these letters are attached hereto.

## **COMMITTEE OF LIAISON**

**with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam**

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

### **CABLE ADDRESS:**

**COLIAFAM**

### **Co-chairmen:**

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Core Weiss**

**April 8, 1970**

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Prof. Franz Schurmann  
Ethel Taylor  
\*Barbara Webster  
Trudi Young**

**\*staff**

**Dear friend:**

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter which we received from North Vietnam today.

Over 400 letters are en route from servicemen being held in North Vietnam. The enclosed letter, along with 79 others, was in the first packet to arrive here out of a total of five packets which we have been expecting.

We are also enclosing a letter form which the North Vietnamese have suggested relatives use when writing to servicemen in North Vietnam. You can mail it or regular letters directly to Hanoi or to our office for forwarding. If you send letters to us, please enclose but do not affix stamps as we forward them on in packets.

For those of you who may not have already received one, we are enclosing an Information Sheet which explains what the Committee of Liaison is.

With hopes for an early decision by the United States to withdraw from Vietnam,

**Sincerely,**

*Steve Halliwell Barbara Webster*  
**Steve Halliwell Barbara Webster**

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air-letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Steven E. Halliwell*  
Steven E. Halliwell



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### **\*staff**

**From: Rev. Richard Fernandez  
To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed  
prisoners held in North Vietnam  
Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners**

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence.**
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.**
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).**

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California; Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

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Prof. Franz Schumann  
Ethel Taylor  
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Trudi Young

\*staff

Dear friend:

We are very happy to send you the enclosed letter. It, along with 105 others, was brought back to this country by a group of anti-war people who have just returned from a visit to North Vietnam.

This brings to a total of 1,110 letters which the Committee of Liaison has forwarded on to families since last December.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster



Mrs. [REDACTED] is not acquainted with any individual or individuals affiliated with COLIFAM and is unable to furnish any information as to why this organization is transmitting letters to her from her husband.

Mrs. [REDACTED] strongly feels that COLIFAM is an instrument of the North Vietnamese government. She is harshly critical of the individuals affiliated with COLIFAM, who apparently have free access to United States servicemen missing in action or held prisoners of war in Southeast Asia, whereas relatives of these servicemen are denied similar privileges.

In the April 8, 1970, letter from COLIFAM to Mrs. [REDACTED] mention is made that COLIFAM was enclosing an information sheet which explains what the Committee of Liaison is. Mrs. [REDACTED] was unable to locate this information sheet and stated she will go through her records in hopes of locating same, and if successful she will make this document available for xeroxing purposes after which she would desire the original be returned to her for safekeeping.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the letters from her husband are very brief and they merely mention that he is well, wish the family well being, and on several occasions has instructed Mrs. [REDACTED] to have the children pursue courses in school which would prepare them for college.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated there is no COLIFAM activity or members in the Minnesota area. She did learn that Mrs. [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] South Dakota, is a person who has heard from her captive husband via efforts of COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] is the wife of [REDACTED] a known POW in Southeast Asia.

Mrs. [REDACTED] added that all of the letters she receives from her husband are forwarded to USAF Intelligence, Washington, D. C., for handwriting examination purposes and then are returned to her. She said that USAF Intelligence in Washington, D. C., maintains a complete file on her husband and has copies of all correspondence in relation to his POW status.

Also attached hereto is a copy of a letter form, one of many furnished Mrs. [REDACTED] by COLIFAM, which is to be utilized by her in corresponding with her husband. She made available the original of this letter form which is being preserved by the FBI in Minneapolis.

**NGƯỜI NHẬN (Addressee)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

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**SỐ LĨNH (Service number):**

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**TRẠI GIAM PHI CÔNG MỸ BỊ BẮT TẠI  
NƯỚC VIỆT-NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA**

*(Camp of detention for U.S. pilots captured  
in the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC of VIETNAM)*

**NGƯỜI GỬI (Addresser)**

**HỌ TÊN (Name in full):**

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**ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):**

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NGÀY VIẾT (Dated).....

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**QUY CHU (N.B.).**

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (*Write legibly and only on the lines*).
2. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (*Notes from families should also conform to this proforma*).

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she has utilized these forms as well as corresponding directly to her husband via ordinary mail. Mrs. [REDACTED] pointed out that all of her husband's letters to her are addressed to the [REDACTED] Kansas, address, where she has not resided for over the past two-year period. She was unable to explain how COLIFAM determined her current residence in [REDACTED] where COLIFAM forwards her husband's letters to her.

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**David Dellinger**

A characterization of David Dellinger is contained in the characterization of "Liberation" magazine which is attached hereto. In addition, on February 18, 1970, David Dellinger was found guilty in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, for violating the Federal Anti-Riot Law Statute for traveling in interstate commerce from outside the state of Illinois with intent to incite riots in Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968. On February 20, 1970, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment and fined \$5,000. On February 28, 1970, the United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, Chicago, Illinois, ordered them released on \$25,000 bond each pending appeals of their convictions.

**Cora Weiss**

In March, 1966, a source advised that Weiss, then Cora Rubin, while attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, was present at a public meeting sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Chapter of the Labor Youth League (LYL).

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**Tom Hayden**

Hayden has traveled extensively all over the world in connection with his rebellion against United States policy at home and abroad. He was arrested during the Columbia

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University riots May, 1968, and August, 1968, in connection with disruptions of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. In May, 1968, he quit his position as associate editor of "Liberation" magazine. In early 1969 he began a series of lectures at the University of California at Berkeley, on "The New American Revolution." In March, 1969, he also began a series of lectures at San Jose State College, San Jose, California, on the same subject. Hayden was one of five convicted in February, 1970, in a Chicago conspiracy trial on the charge of crossing a state line with intent to incite riots during the August, 1968, Democratic National Convention in Chicago, for which there is a possible sentence of five years and a \$10,000 fine. He was also sentenced to 14 months, 14 days, on 11 counts of contempt of court by Judge Julius J. Hoffman. He is currently out on bail and awaiting appeal and periodically makes speeches criticizing the Chicago conspiracy trial.

Attached hereto is an appendix page concerning the "Liberation" magazine.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] Minnesota, was recontacted by a Special Agent of the FBI on July 7, 1970, in an effort to obtain the original of Cora Weiss's letter to Mrs. [REDACTED] dated April 20, 1970, bearing the letterhead of COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that the original letter was turned over by her to United States Air Force (USAF) Intelligence in Washington, D. C., sometime following receipt of this letter and at a time when she was in Washington, D. C. Mrs. [REDACTED] said that USAF Intelligence in Washington, D. C., has a voluminous file pertaining to her missing husband, [REDACTED] b7c

In this April 20, 1970, letter Cora Weiss enclosed two letter forms to be utilized by Mrs. [REDACTED] when corresponding with her husband. She used one of these two letter forms in transmitting a message to her husband sometime in June, 1970. She did this upon instructions from USAF Intelligence, who informed her that she could forward such a letter to Kenneth Kilpatrick of the American Friends Service Committee in Seattle, Washington, where Kilpatrick remained shortly prior to his going to Hanoi. She forwarded this letter to Kilpatrick in care of 814 Northeast 40th Street, Seattle, Washington. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] followed up with a telephone call to the American Friends Service Committee in Seattle in an unsuccessful attempt to personally speak with Kilpatrick in hopes of appealing to him to determine something of the fate of her husband, from whom she has never received any word since his plane was shot down in Vietnam [REDACTED] 1968. Kilpatrick's secretary informed Mrs. [REDACTED] that he was already out of the country, and the secretary instructed Mrs. [REDACTED] that she would have to contact COLIFAM if she desired to transmit a letter to her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] explained to the secretary the fruitlessness of such contact with COLIFAM and that she merely desired to contact or speak with Kilpatrick, on whom advance publicity was given in relation to his forthcoming trip to Vietnam. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the remaining letter form is included somewhere among the voluminous amount of literature she has acquired in connection with her efforts as Upper Midwest Coordinator of the National League of Families of American Prisoners in Southeast Asia. She stated she would attempt to locate this document and if she is successful, she will make it available to the FBI in Minneapolis.

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When initially interviewed on June 11, 1970, Mrs. [redacted] indicated that if necessary she would be willing to cooperate should her testimony be needed at a later date. Mrs. [redacted] is desirous of cooperating with the Government; however, she made it very clear that she and her husband are parents of four minor children and that she would never do anything which would in any way jeopardize the well being of her high-ranking USAF husband. She is sincerely fearful of reprisals to him if information should be made public that her testimony and cooperation assisted in discrediting the membership and organizational activities of COLIFAM in line with the United States Department of Justice desires in connection with the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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Families of Servicemen Detained  
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**APPENDIX**

**LIBERATION MAGAZINE**

"Liberation" Magazine (LM) is self-described as an independent monthly with offices at 339 La Fayette Street, New York, New York. A "Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation" was published in the November, 1968 issue. It listed the Publisher and Editor of the magazine as DAVE DELLINGER. The circulation was given as 10,000.

The following comments appeared in a leaflet distributed by LM in May, 1968:

"Since its inception in 1956, Liberation has played an active and creative role in the growth of the new radicalism in the United States. From civil rights to black liberation, from 'ban the bomb' to the movement to end the war in Vietnam, Liberation has been vital. Its radical critique of American society and its emphasis on democratic and direct action against the inequalities and injustice of our present social structure have inspired radicals, young and old."

"In addition, Liberation will continue to carry articles and discussions written by and to community organizers, student and non-student activists, educators, economists and social scientists - of interest to anybody concerned with building a radical and nonviolent movement that will bring a fundamental change to the existing order."

On May 14, 1963, a source advised that during a speech in New York, New York, on May 10, 1963, DAVE DELLINGER identified himself as a pacifist. He stated it was necessary to abolish the cause of war, which was Capitalism. He advocated a Communist society and said, "I am a Communist," but further stated he was not a Soviet type Communist.

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FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (100-11215) -RUC-

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) OF  
DATE 12-13-97

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
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VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

(OO: New York)

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 6-9-70.

Richmond indices contain no identifiable information  
to organization or [REDACTED]

Special Agent [REDACTED] 109th MIG, Federal  
Building, Richmond, Va., advised SA [REDACTED] on  
6-24-70 that no information regarding this organization has  
been received concerning the organization or their efforts  
to deal with families of POWs or servicemen.

[REDACTED] who has knowledge  
of that area of subversive activity in Richmond area, advised  
SA [REDACTED] on 6-24-70 that he has received no infor-  
mation concerning this organization.

In absence of any known contact by [REDACTED]  
wife or others, no interviews being conducted.

- 2 - Bureau (Registered Mail)
- 2 - New York (100-168469) (Registered Mail)
- 1 - Richmond

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Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 7/13/70

SAC, LOS ANGELES (97-378)(P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
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DATE 11/21/83 BY SP-5

PROJ. M. Special E.O. 12812

Re New York airtel, 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) in captioned matter. Enclosed for Minneapolis, New Orleans, and New York are three enclosures in captioned matter. Two copies of LHM in captioned matter are enclosed for Norfolk, Alexandria, Newark, Charlotte, Oklahoma City, Miami, Jacksonville, Washington Field, Birmingham, San Francisco, and Seattle.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

For the information of all offices, initiation of Registration Act investigation was requested by J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Asst. Attorney Gen., Internal Sec. Div., U. S. Dept. of

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Justice. WFO airtel to Director dated 5/27/70, determined from the State Department that captioned group and/or known members are not registered with the State Department.

By letter to Director dated 4/6/70, J. WALTER YEAGLEY requested investigation be undertaken to develop admissible evidence that the subject committee is in fact acting within the United States at the request of the Government of North Vietnam; and that it is engaged in political activity as defined in Section 1(O) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act or as a publicity agent as defined in Section 1(H) of the Act. By letter dated 4/14/70, YEAGLEY requested individuals contacted by this committee be interviewed.

Submit results in form suitable for dissemination.

Source one is [REDACTED]

The sources used to characterize the Women Strike for Peace, are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect the identity of the sources used in the characterization of Women Strike for Peace and [REDACTED]. It is noted that New York, office of origin, classified LHM in referenced airtel "Secret", but the reason for the secret classification does not exist in this communication.

#### LEADS

#### ALL OFFICES

All offices should interview servicemen or families of servicemen contacted by this committee or its individual members. Determine during interview:

- a. Identity of individual who contacted them.
- b. Report circumstances of contact, e. g. were they harassed, cajoled, etc.



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c. if anyone had mail or personal objects delivered for them or brought back to them.

d. what COLIFAM statements were regarding source of information, contacts, etc.

e. identity of other POW families approached in similar manner.

f. lastly, determine nature of correspondence between families and COLIFAM.

Extreme discretion should be used during the course of such interviews. Advise individuals interviewed that it is at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General. Determine also if the individual interviewed would be willing to cooperate should their testimony be needed at a later date. Interviews should be set forth on FD-302.

ALEXANDRIA

AT [REDACTED] VIRGINIA: Contact Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b2c

BIRMINGHAM

AT [REDACTED] ALABAMA: Contact Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b2c

CHARLOTTE

AT [REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA: Contact Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b2c

JACKSONVILLE

AT [REDACTED] FLORIDA: Will contact Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b2c

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MIAMI

AT [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> FLORIDA: Contact Mrs. [REDACTED]  
in accordance with above  
instructions.

MINNEAPOLIS

AT [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> NORTH DAKOTA: Contact Mrs. [REDACTED]  
North Dakota, in accordance  
with above instructions.

AT [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> SOUTH DAKOTA: Contact Mrs. [REDACTED]  
in accordance with above  
instructions.

NEWARK

AT [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> NEW JERSEY: Contact Mrs. [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup>  
in accordance with above instruction (this  
address was also given as [REDACTED] New Jersey).

NEW ORLEANS

AT [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> LOUISIANA: Mrs. [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup>  
in accordance with above instructions.

AT [REDACTED] LOUISIANA: Will contact Mrs. [REDACTED]  
in accordance with  
above instructions.

NEW YORK

AT [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> NEW YORK: Will contact Mrs. [REDACTED]  
in accordance with above  
instructions.

OKLAHOMA CITY

AT [REDACTED] <sup>b7c</sup> OKLAHOMA: Contact Mrs. [REDACTED]  
in accordance with above  
instructions.

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NORFOLK

AT [REDACTED] VIRGINIA: Will contact Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b7c

SAN FRANCISCO

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA: Will contact Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b7c

SEATTLE

AT [REDACTED] WASHINGTON: Will contact Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b7c

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON FIELD, WASHINGTON, D. C.: Contact the Air Force and Space Digest, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., to obtain the names and addresses of families of prisoners in North Vietnam which were contained in the June issue.

LOS ANGELES

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA: Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b7c

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA: Will interview Mrs. [REDACTED] in accordance with above instructions. b7c

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA: Determine the address of Mrs. [REDACTED] and interview her in accordance with above instructions. b7c

AT [REDACTED] CALIFORNIA: Will contact and interview Mrs. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. b7c





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DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

On June 22, 1969, Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that in the early part of December 1969, she had received a letter from Mrs. [REDACTED] an acquaintance of hers, that women connected with the Women Strike for Peace (See Appendix) were traveling to Hanoi and if she wanted to send a letter to her husband, [REDACTED] believed to be a prisoner of the North Vietnamese, she should send the letter to Madeline Duckles, whose address she obtained from [REDACTED]

On December 23, 1969, she received a phone call from the Casualty Office at Randolph Air Force Base and was asked if she had sent a letter through the Women Strike for Peace. She advised that she had and was informed that they had received a telephone call from a Cora Weiss stating that her husband was one of the known dead and that the Women Strike for Peace had returned her letter.

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